

Hot Springs Now Goal of Ball Players: Boxing Fans Start Clamor for Leonard-Britton Bout

FIRST OF THE 1922 CROP TO START WORK MONDAY

Flingers of Both New York Clubs to Be Among Early Toilers—Unconditional Release Proposed for Athletes Waived on Regardless of Service.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Ball players will be working out at Hot Springs by next Monday. Hoyt, Shawkey, Mays, Bush and Jones of the Yankees may be there by that time, and so may three of four of the Giants. Douglas wished to go, but his contract had not arrived. The Giants are not all signed. There was talk that Nehf would go, but he doesn't care to do so. He thinks that he can get all of the training he needs at San Antonio. The stars of both New York teams aren't half so subservient to hints as they were in times past. They are too much accustomed to doing as they wish.

The preliminary Hot Springs affair is not to play base ball. It is merely to take a course of baths and reduce flesh. In former days it was mostly a case of play for the horses. Players would indulge in the minor league pocketbooks in the afternoon, and, in the course of three or four days, dip into the club for advance money.

There were those high-flying games of African golf also, where the stakes went up so high that frequently the best gamblers in the crowd had gone by the time that the dipping season was over to keep him in clover until the fourth of July. One of the major Hot Springs ran up to over \$100,000 in five days, and even for ball players, rich and care-free as they are, that is a pretty fair feat.

Some managers do not believe in the Hot Springs trip. Some believe it to be all right, but not all right at all right the next. It depends on how much age and how many bad arms they are going to have. There is plenty of age and plenty of bad arms in the major leagues this year, and if the whole crowd starts to decline in one lump there is trouble ahead.

Mack is Playing Safe.
The Athletics refused to let "Doc" Johnson, the Cleveland first baseman, get out of the league, and that upsets Cleveland's little plan for paying some of its debts to the players.

It also indicates that Connie Mack is going to play safe on the first-base bench. If he does, he will have to turn over on him he will have that reliable who takes 'em in his mitt with the sang froid of a kid and who has the habit of hitting the ball in the air. Johnson is a player of luck. There always seems to be some one who welcomes him in the major leagues, no matter what may happen.

World End Trafficking.
The suggestion has been made that after players are no longer wanted by the major leagues, they should be given their unconditional releases no matter how many years they have served. There now is a rule that if a player has been in ten years and all clubs waive on him he becomes a free agent. The newer suggestion is to let the player go if all clubs waive on him.

It is urged that it would put an end to the trafficking of players as one of the most objectionable features of latter day base ball. If the player is released, he is free to accept the services of young players who are brought in from the minors, or the other way around, to give a player from a minor league must have been in service in the majors at least one year before he can be considered a free agent.

Looks as if Courtney Intends to Work Now
TAMPA, Fla., February 18.—Trainer Mike Martin of the Nationals received a call over long distance from Harry Courtney yesterday. Courtney is a bunch of base balls sent to him at Clearwater Beach. The southpaw said he had a few good ones. Courtney said he would work out with him from now until the Griffins arrive. Martin sent the balls with a warning that Courtney would have to avoid getting himself into the poor condition he was in when he reported last spring.

ONLY THREE HOLDOUTS NOW ON MACK'S LIST
PHILADELPHIA, February 18.—Signed contracts from three players in the acceptance of terms by another have been received by the Mackmen. Those forwarding signed contracts were outfielder Scherer, H. B. Malone and Frank Gallaway.

PICKS NEWPORT NEWS FOR LEAGUE MEETING
NEWPORT NEWS, February 18.—The Newport News club has been selected by the Virginia Base Ball League, states that the league will meet here next Saturday to select its president and draft a tentative schedule.

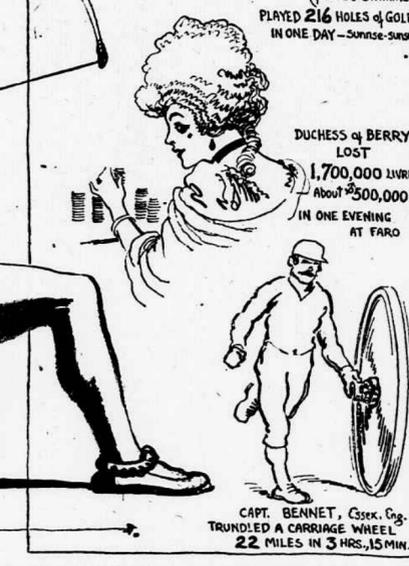
MEET FOR SCHOOLBOYS.
SCHOOLBOY athletic stars from all parts of the United States will participate in the fifth annual indoor intercollegiate wrestling match to be held in Newark, N. J., March 4.

Believe It or Not.

HIAWATHA
"HE COULD SHOOT TEN ARROWS UPWARD, SHOOT THEM WITH SUCH STRENGTH AND SWIFTNES, THAT TEN THOUSAND LEFT THE BOW-STRING 'ERE THE FIRST TO EARTH HAD FALLEN!"
—Longfellow



By RIPLEY.



100-YARD BACK STROKE MARK FOR WEISSMULLER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., February 18.—Johnny Weissmuller of the Illinois Athletic Club broke the world record for the 100-yard back stroke in the Milwaukee Athletic Club's tank last night, covering the distance in 1:08.2, the former record of 1:08.2 was made by George Keck. The victory gave Weissmuller the central Junior A. A. U. championship.

C. U. WINS A THRILLER; G. W. BEATS GALLAUDET

Competition in an active week of collegiate basketball was brought to a close last night when Catholic University scored a stirring 25-to-23 victory over Bucknell at Brookland, and George Washington took out Gallaudet, 24 to 20, in a slow contest at Kendall Green.

D. C. SEXTETS DIVIDE WITH OUTSIDE TEAMS
Washington girl basketball teams in three games last night, two being with outside teams, one of which a victory was scored.

RECENT FIGHTS INDICATE BOTH HAVE GONE BACK

Welterweight Champion Makes Most Unsatisfactory Showing in Title Go Against Dave Shade, Fifteen Tame Rounds Being Adjudged a Draw.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Boxing fans were clamoring today to know just how good Jack Britton and Benny Leonard really are, and there seemed a general consensus of opinion that the best way to find out would be to match them together for the welterweight title. Britton put up a most unsatisfactory fight last night against Dave Shade, the young Californian, and some of Benny's admirers were none too pleased, even the showing the lightweight champion made against Rocky Kansas. Each has run pretty well out of opponents with power to draw money at the turnstiles in his own class. Boxing enthusiasts feel that the question of whether either or both have gone back or whether they have held back could be most satisfactorily answered by a battle between them. Murrums are being heard against the alleged policy of "saving up" opponents.

The fifteen rounds of scuffling between Britton and Shade was as tame as a moving picture film. Shade was willing enough and carried what fight there was to the champion throughout, but he did not have the knowledge or ring craft to penetrate Britton's defense, and at no time did he seriously discommodate the titleholder. Britton's offense was strangely lacking. He missed a punch and seemed content to prop the Californian off with his left and pile up enough incidental points to retain his grip on the title.

Shade Proves Willing.
So far as fast rallies and rough fighters were concerned, the bout for a world championship might have been a setto between old Mike Donoghue and boxing instructor of the New York Athletic Club, and a promising pupil. The early part of the fight was very tame. Shade was unable to land solidly with either hand, although willing enough, and Britton cut him down with blocking, side-stepping and dodging, and an occasional light counter.

SCHOOL TOSSERS BUSY, BUT ONE GAME HERE
District scholastic basketball teams are down to figure in three games today, but only one of them will be decided on a local court. In that Tech played in a game at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock. Army and Navy Prep basketballs are playing at Tompkins Square, and in addition to these Western and Gonzaga won games yesterday. While Central bowed to the University of Virginia Freshmen, Western visited Garrett Park, Md., to play the team of Georgetown Prep. 29 to 25; Gonzaga, playing at home, defeated a 135-pound team from Gallaudet, 29 to 21, Central, on its own floor, proved no match for the Old Dominion collegians, the count being 31 to 19 the wrong way.

TEX RICKARD TRANSFERS ACTIVITIES TO ST. LOUIS
By the Associated Press
NEW YORK, February 18.—Tex Rickard, sporting promoter, who resigned yesterday as president of the Madison Square Garden Sports Club after his indictment on a charge of assisting in the sale of a ring, has left the city and transferred his activities to St. Louis. Rickard is expected to be in St. Louis by the end of the week. He is expected to be in St. Louis by the end of the week. He is expected to be in St. Louis by the end of the week.

MANHATTANS TO PLAY SILENT FIVE TONIGHT
Manhattan A. C. and the Silent Five will meet tonight at the Palace gymnasium in a game that should be a thrilling one. Both clubs have made good records so far in the season. The game will be a preliminary to the Manhattan Reserves will play the Roamer sextets.

LEWIS STOPS GUMMER; WILL MEET CARPENTIER
By the Associated Press
London, England, February 18.—Ted (Kid) Lewis, British welterweight pugilist, knocked out Tom Gummer, the British middleweight, in the first round last night. Gummer was overweighed no question of championship was involved. Lewis is expected to meet the European heavyweight champion, was present at the match and afterward it was reported that he would meet Lewis in a bout, probably in April.

DUNDEE SHADES DARCY.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 18.—Johnny Dundee of New York was given the decision over Johnny Darcy of California in their ten-round lightweight bout last night. The fight was interesting.

LONDOS STOPS ZBYSZKO FROM WINNING ON MAT
ST. LOUIS, February 18.—Jim Londos, Greek heavyweight wrestler, prevented Stanislaus Zbyszko, heavy-weight wrestling champion, from carrying out his agreement with two opponents within seventy-five minutes in an exhibition match last night. Francis X. Remarque, French wrestler, was thrown in fourteen minutes, fifty-two seconds, but Londos stayed the remainder of the time set for the matches.

IOWANS WIN ON MAT.
IOWA CITY, Iowa, February 18.—Iowa University won a western intercollegiate wrestling match last night, defeating Purdue, 35 to 14.

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WHITE SOX BATTERYMEN HIKE FOR TRAINING CAMP

CHICAGO, February 18.—Pitchers and catchers of the White Sox were gathering here today to leave tonight for Marlin Springs, Tex., where they will remain for a week before going to Seguin, Tex., the regular training camp. Other battery men will join the party at the springs. Manager Gleason and his assistant, Johnny Evers, were busy today checking the roster of athletes, and it was announced that three on the list have been disposed of.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS IN N. Y. MEET TONIGHT
NEW YORK, February 18.—Leading track stars of the United States, including many champions at various distances, are here for competition tonight in the annual Wilco A. A. games, in Thirteenth Regiment Armory.

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CARDINALS' FIRST SQUAD READY FOR TRIP SOUTH
ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 18.—The first contingent of the St. Louis Cardinals will leave tonight for the training camp at Orange, Tex. The early squad will be composed mostly of pitchers and catchers, among them Vernon Clemons, first-string catcher, who will greet the players at the camp. Joe Sugden and Roy Thomas, who also will help to round the hurlers into shape, will accompany the vanguard. Marvin Goodwin, pitcher, left ahead of the squad last night and will join the training-camp aggregation Monday.

Portland Gets Biemiller.
PORTLAND, Ore., February 18.—Purchase of Pitcher Biemiller of the Jersey City International League ball team was announced here today by William Klepper, president of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League. Biemiller received a trial with the Washington line two years ago.

Landis Bars Bodie.
CHICAGO, February 18.—Judge K. M. Landis, base ball commissioner, has denied reinstatement to Ping Bodie, former New York, Boston and Philadelphia outfielder, and also barred Ben Shaw of Pittsburgh from organized base ball. Phil Weinert of Syracuse was reinstated.

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe There Was Only a Furnace in the Cellar.
MUTT, I JUST HEARD THE FUNNIEST STORY: IT'S ABOUT TWO GUYS WHO WENT DOWN IN A FRIEND'S CELLAR.
TELL IT TO ME, I CERTAINLY ENJOY A GOOD STORY, JEFF.
IT'S A SCREAM AND YOU'LL LAUGH YOUR HEAD OFF. WELL, TWO GUYS WENT DOWN IN THEIR FRIEND'S CELLAR AND—
YES, YES GO ON!
GEE, IT'S FUNNY—THE FUNNIEST I EVER HEARD! HA, HA, HA! AS I WAS SAYING, THESE TWO GUYS WENT DOWN IN THEIR FRIEND'S CELLAR, AND—
I KNOW THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD! PROCEED!
M-M-M, I'VE FORGOTEN THE ENDING, BUT IT CERTAINLY WAS A FUNNY STORY!

GUILFORD SCORING LOW ON FLORIDA GOLF LINKS

Jesse Guilford, national amateur golf champion, is playing better golf by several strokes to the round than he did last winter, according to word received from Florida, where the Boston Siege Club is wintering. He recently made a 66 on the Miami Beach links. His platematic putting will be wonderful.

SIXTEEN AUTO DRIVERS ENTERED FOR BIG RACE
LOS ANGELES, Calif., February 18.—The completed entry list for the 250-mile Washington's birthday race to be held at the Los Angeles Speedway February 22 was announced today. Eddie Hearne, Tommy Milton, Pietro Bordino, Ralph de Palma, Joe Thomas, Roscoe Sarks, Eddie Miller, Jimmy Murphy, Frank Elliott, Benny Hill, Peter de Paolo, Harry Hartz, Jim Crosby, Ralph Snoddy, Al Melcher and Art Klein.

D. C. SHOTS LEAP AHEAD IN INTERCITY BILLIARDS
Washington billiardists, as the result of last night's play, now are leading the Baltimore cueists by 101 points in the 1,200-point Intercity match, and the next to the final block will be played at Sherman's Monday. That night Allen Thurman of Washington and C. H. Crook of Baltimore, No. 2 men, will meet at 200 points. In the last block of 200 points next Friday, G. A. Couff, No. 3 on the Washington line, will go to Baltimore to meet R. M. Roscoe. Baltimore's ace, at Klein's. The counts now stand: Washington, 800; Baltimore, 699.

WESTERN GOLF TOURNEY WILL START AUGUST 23
CHICAGO, February 18.—Secretary William W. Harless of the Western Golf Association announced that the dates for the western open championship, to be played at the Oakland Hills Club, Detroit, have been set for August 23-25.

COBURN-LANDS LEADING SIX-DAY CYCLE RACERS
CHICAGO, February 18.—William Coburn of St. Louis, and David Lands of Newark, N. J., were leading in the six-day bike race here today at the end of the 130th hour, with 2,132 miles covered. The teams of Lawrence and Thomas and of Debeates and Persyn were on the heels of the leaders and six other teams were one lap behind.

GOLF FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.
Golf has been adopted as a sport for interschool competition by the supervisory committee on athletics and will announce the scrapping of schools.

Title Polo Event On.
LOS ANGELES, Calif., February 18.—Opening play in the 1922 western American polo championships tournament is scheduled to start on the field of the Midweek Junior Team Country Club, near here, this afternoon, when the Midweek team meets the quartet of the 11th Cavalry.

COLLEGE BASKET BALL

At Kendall Green—George Washington, 34; Gallaudet, 30.
At St. Louis—Catholic University, 25; Duquesne, 21.
At New Haven—Cornell, 31; Yale, 28.
At Knoxville, Tenn.—Tennessee, 16; Georgia Tech, 14.
At Starkville, Miss.—Mississippi Aggies, 29; Tennessee Normal, 17.
At Newberry, S. C.—Newberry, 36; Charleston, 25.
At Georgetown, S. C.—Citadel, 26; Wake Forest, 28.
At Lexington, Va.—North Carolina, 31; V. M., 26.
At Philadelphia—Drexel, 44; New York Aggies, 27.
At Springfield, Ill.—Springfield, 33; Brooklyn Poly, 21.
At Easton, Pa.—Lafayette, 29; Washington, 25.
At New York—Pratt Institute, 37; Ursinus, 25.

UNBEATEN BILLIARDISTS IN TOURNEY PLAY TODAY

PHILADELPHIA, February 18.—The two undefeated Americans, Percy N. Collins, Chicago, and Edgar T. Appleby, New York, national champion, were on today's program of the intercollegiate billiards tournament.

HOCKEY GAME RESULTS.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—Sault Ste. Marie, 3; Eveleth, Minn., 1.
At Boston—Boston College, 6; Massachusetts Tech, 1.
At Cleveland—Cleveland, 8; Port Calborne, Ont., 5.
Stenmole Midgets, who recently have strengthened their team, are anxious for games in the 90-100-pound class. Call Bess Sillers, Lincoln, 4080.

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